this vital life saving drug and what are the reasons for its continous short supply; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to make the drug adequately available in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Reports on shortage of Acitrom tablets were received from some State Drugs Control Authorities and others.

(b) Demand and supply of individual formulations is not monitored. The shortage was due to non-availability of inter-mediates requires in the production of the bulk drug 'Acenocoumarol'.

(c) The company has now overcome the difficulties and resumed normal production. Based on this Ministry's advise the manufacturer, M/s S. G. Pharmaceuticals have already rushed sufficient stocks to various parts of the country.

Improvement in NTPC

648. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) which was earlier managed efficiently, is suffering seriously problems in recent times; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to keep the unit running with efficiency for increasing the power production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Improvement in the State Electricity Boards

649. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the position of generation and plant load factor of power stations run by Electricity Boards in various States during the last six months;

(b) which States have shown improvement; and

(c) has any State shown deterioration, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A statement showing the generation and the plant load factor of State Electricity Boards during the first six months of 1986-87 compared to the same period last year is attached. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Except Rajasthan, Karnataka and Kerala, all the State Electricity Boards have shown improvement in generation. However, plant Load Factor of thermal stations run by Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and Assam Electricity Boards has been lower as compared to last year.

The shortfall in generation and Plant Load Factor in the States mentioned above has been mainly on account of increase in forced outages of thermal units and low hydel reservoir level resulting in shortfall in hydro generation.

Statement

Name of the State	Generation (MU)		P.L.F. %	
	April-Sept. 86	April-Sept. 85	April-Sept. 86	April-Sept. 85
D.E.S.U.	930	780	71·5	61·7
J & K	586	545	..	..
H.P.S.E.B.	392	363	..	..
H.S.E.B.	653	568	29·8	31·1
R.S.E.B.	853	947	46·3	58·5
P.S.E.B.	3256	3110	58.7	65·0
U.P.S.E.,	7152	5806	36·7	35·2
G.E.B.	5672	5252	50·8	53·7
M.S.E.B.	11140	10305	51·1	55·1
M.P.E.B.	5432	5307	46·2	48·8
A.P.S.E.B.	6800	6344	65·9	62·1
T.N.S.E.B.	4763	4134	66·4	51·1
Karnataka S.E.B.	3516	3616	36·2	..
Kerala S.E.B.	2174	2600	..	..
B.S.E.B.	1802	1658	33·4	35·1
O.S.E.B.	1829	1521	30·3	33·9
W.B.S.E.B.	2665	2344	44·4	42·0
A.S.E.B.	461	397	15·9	27·6

Loss suffered by Eastern Coalfields Limited

650. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total loss suffered by the Eastern Coalfields Limited by the end of March, 1986;

(b) what are the factors responsible for this loss; and

(c) who are the officers held responsible for this loss and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) The accounts of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries for the year 1985-86 have not been finalised so far. The cumulative loss suffered by Eastern Coalfields Limited upto 31-3-1985 was of the order of Rs. 649.61 crores.

Losses suffered by Eastern Coalfields Limited have been mainly due to the difficult geo-mining conditions, deep and old gassy mines which have become highly uneconomic, continued problems of law and order, inadequate and erratic power supply, large labour force, delay in opening